FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES OCTOBER 18TH, 2011

SIGN IN

VIRGIL KAMBARIAN
JACK JENKINS
GERALD WILLIAMS
BRENDA WHITAKER
BILL DAVIS
JUDY WHITAKER

DAN MCDOWELL PAUL JACKSTADT RON SIMPSON WALMER SCHMIDTKE DON THOMPSON

KAMBARIAN CALLED MEETING TO ORDER.

MAYOR STATED THAT WE NEED TO EDUCATE THE PEOPLE ON THE ISSUE. MAYOR STATED THAT WE NEED THE POLICE AND FIRE TO GO AND HELP PUSH THIS TAX ISSUE. MAYOR STATED THAT WE ARE ASKING THE PUBLIC TO FUND A NEW TAX, WILL AFFECT EVERY HOUSEHOLD \$300.00 PER EVERY HUNDRED THOUSAND. MAYOR STATED THAT IT IS A STATE LAW IN THE YR 2016 WE WILL HAVE TO FUND THE PENSION 100%.

2011 TAX LEVY, TAX ON \$100,000 HOUSE WOULD BE \$646.58 REQUIRED LEVY: (80% FUNDING) WOULD BE \$720.35 REQUIRED LEVY: (100% FUNDING) WOULD BE \$840.61

ONEY STATED THAT OTHER COMMUNITIES HAVE ALREADY HAD TO DO THESE TYPES OF TAX INCREASES. ONEY ALSO STATED THAT BY LAW WE ARE REQUIRED TO PAY THE FUNDING FOR THE PENSIONS.

KAMBARIAN STATED THAT WITH A UTILITY TAX IT WOULD GENERATE REVENUE, HOWEVER IN DOING SO AH DOESN'T NECESSARILY HAVE TO BE USED FOR THE PENSION FUND, BUT THEN AGAIN IT COULD BE USED FOR THIS OR THAT. KAMBARIAN STATED THAT THIS IS WHAT THE STATE DID WITH THE GAMBLING STUFF IT WAS ALL SUPPOSE TO GO FOR EDUCATION, THE DIDN'T US IT ALL FOR EDUCATION THEY USED IT FOR OTHER THINGS SEE. KAMBARIAN STATED THAT IF YOU SAY YOU ARE GOING TO USE A PASSING UTILITY TAX AND THE MONEY IS GOING FOR THE FIRE AND POLICE PENSION FUND.

KAMBARIAN STATED THAT WILL HAPPEN THE FIRST YEAR, BUT IT DOESN'T HAVE TO HAPPEN THE SECOND OR THIRD YEAR IT IS POLITICALLY CONTROLLED. KAMBARIAN IS STATED THE ONEY IS ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, IF THAT AMOUNT IS LEVIED IN DOLLAR AND WE AGREE WITH THE PUBLIC ACCEPTANCE IT'S GOING TO BE DONE REGARDLESS POLITICAL WIND FALL.

MORE DISCUSSION BY THE COUNCIL ABOUT THE COST OF THE INCREASES, AND EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ALSO THEY DISCUSSED A REFERENDUM.

MCDOWELL STATED COULD IT BE DONE IN 5% INCREMENTS, WITHOUT IT BEING A BIG BURDEN ON THE PEOPLE.

KAMBARIAN TURNED OVER CHAD T FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

CHAD EXPLAINED THE MATTER IN MORE DETAIL.
CHAD STATED THAT WE NEED TO EXPLAIN TO THE PEOPLE THAT
THIS IS THE LAW AND WE ARE REQUIRED TO PAY THE PENSION
100%. CHAD ALSO TALKED ABOUT THE UTILITY TAX.

KAMBARIAN ASKED THE COUNCIL HOW WE NEED TO GO ABOUT TAKING CARE OF THE MATTER; WE NEED TO COME TO A CONSENSUS.

HOW MANY ARE IN FAVOR FOR THE STATE MANDATED FOR FIRE AND POLICE 100%, KAMBARIAN STATED THAT WELL THEN HE WILL MAKE A MOTION.

MOTION BY KAMBARIAN, SECOND BY MCDOWELL TO PREPARE A REFERENDUM BEFORE THE PEOPLE FOR MARCH. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY KAMBARIAN, SECOND BY MCDOWELL TO ACCEPT THE RESOLUTION TO HIRE SPECIAL COUNSEL TO ASSIST THE CITY IN NEGOTIATIONS AND CONTRACTING FOR RESIDENTIAL ELECTRIC POWER SUPPLY THROUGH MUNICIPAL AGGREGATION. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY KAMBARIAN, SECOND BY MCDOWELL TO ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED.

MEETING ADJOURNED.